

Court Docket Fees; Electronic Filing and Management Fund; House Sub. for SB 255

House Sub. for SB 255 creates new law and amends, revives and amends, or repeals various statutes related to Kansas court docket fees.

The bill creates the Electronic Filing and Management Fund. All expenditures from this fund shall be for the purposes of creating, implementing, and managing an electronic filing and centralized case management system for the state court system.

A statute regarding the remitting of moneys by the Clerk of the Supreme Court is revived and amended to redirect remittances previously made to the State General Fund to the Judicial Branch Docket Fee Fund instead.

Statutes regarding the Dispute Resolution Fund, the Access to Justice Fund, the Protection from Abuse Fund, the Crime Victims Assistance Fund, and the Kansas Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Trust Fund are revived and amended to remove references to disposition of docket fee statutes. The statute regarding the Kansas Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Trust Fund also is amended to update references to the Secretary of Corrections.

A statute establishing the Indigents' Defense Services Fund is revived and amended to remove a provision directing the charge of a \$0.50 fee in various cases to be credited to this fund.

A statute regarding expungement is amended to resolve a conflict with other versions of the statute regarding the sunset date for the Judicial Branch surcharge.

Finally, the bill repeals several additional statutes, including those regarding:

- Disposition of docket fees (previously repealed in 2014 Senate Sub. for HB 2338);
- The Electronic Filing and Management Fund (as created in 2014 Senate Sub. for HB 2338); and
- Conflicting versions of docket fee and expungement statutes (previously repealed in 2014 Senate Sub. for HB 2338).